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Case Docket No. NATURES.018A

Date: May 28, 2004

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s)	:	Peter T. McCarthy
Appl. No.	:	09/852,155
Filed	:	May 9, 2001
For	:	METHODS FOR CREATING LARGE SCALE FOCUSED BLADE DEFLECTIONS
Group Art Unit	:	3617
Examiner	:	Swinehart, Edwin L.

**REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION REGARDING REFERENCES CONSIDERED BY
EXAMINER**

**Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to clarify that he has considered the references cited by Applicant in the following Information Disclosure Statements (copies attached) during the prosecution of the present application, by mailing to Applicant "signed-off" copies of the PTO-1449 forms included therein:

- 1) The Information Disclosure Statement mailed on October 8, 2001
- 2) The Information Disclosure Statement mailed on January 17, 2002
- 3) The Information Disclosure Statement mailed on March 8, 2002.

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Applicant presumes that the Examiner has considered the references cited in these IDS's, as the Examiner relied on some of the cited references in rejecting certain claims of this application, without citing any references himself on a form PTO-892. The references cited by Applicant and relied on by the Examiner include Great Britain '765 (cited in the IDS mailed on January 17, 2002) and Takizawa (cited in the IDS mailed on October 8, 2001).

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to mail the signed-off PTO-1449 forms to the undersigned Attorney of Record, or to fax them to the attention of said Attorney at 949-760-9502.

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For : METHODS FOR CREATING)
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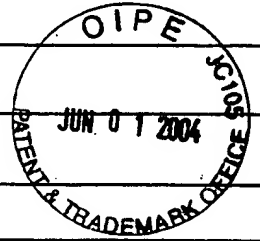
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- (X) An Information Disclosure Statement.
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		234,305	05/28/25	Bovey			
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		Des. 353,181	12/6/1994	Evans			
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		0 308 998	03/29/89	Europe				
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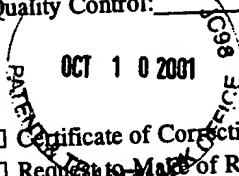
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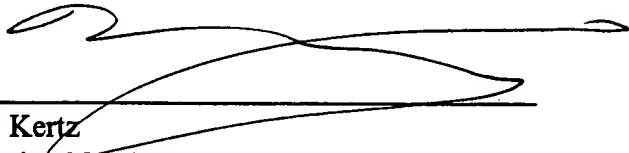
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